

Abstract of the Disclosure

Apparatus and methods for providing distal protection during a medical procedure comprising a
5 vascular filter having a self-expanding, porous foam body that conformably seals against a vessel wall and captures emboli within one or more recesses. The filter is coupled to a distal region of an elongated member, such as a guide wire. Delivery systems for use with filters
10 of the present invention and methods of using the apparatus of the present invention also are provided.